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CANCER SUCKS

On November 9th, Cuts for a Cure 'Round Two' took place and turned out to be an incredible event! The successful affair was both entertaining and enjoyable and was followed up with a wine and cheese party. Thank-you to all the head-shavers, April, (the hairdresser), the LSA, the firms for their generous donations: Bryan & Company, Duncan & Craig, Fraser Milner Casgrain and Miller Thomson, and all those involved who generously donated their money and their time to both help beforehand and cheer everyone on at the event. Your money and efforts helped ensure the success of this event, which raised over \$10,000. Once again this year, I was very touched by everyone and still find it truly amazing how this school can come together in the hope of finding a cure for cancer. I only hope that someday soon, "Cuts for a Cure" becomes unnecessary! Thank-you all so much for helping to make Cuts for a Cure so special.

- Kris Neilsen (3L)

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LAW & RELIGION

ALICE WONG (2L)

Religion. A subject that has the potential to churn the waves of discord and divide the masses into staunchly defensive groups of philosophers. Throw law into the mix and you might as well have supplied them with the cardboard and markers for their protest signs.

It was with this self-imposed armour fully intact that I attended Benjamin Berger's 'Law and Religion' seminar on November 23. Simultaneously working towards his L.L.M. at Yale Law School and teaching at the University of Victoria, Mr. Berger was eloquent in

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articulating his analysis of the role of religion in the Canadian legal system.

He began with the contention that the consistently applied idiom that "religion is a set of properly defined rights in one particular issue" is insufficient to deal with the tension between law and religion. In this setting, neither law nor religion are treated seriously as cultures, according to the "interpretative horizon," approach.

Instead, "Canadian constitutional law renders religion as a form that is most digestible of the situations that inform the Constitution itself"; in other words, religion in law is interpreted in accordance with the foundations of the Constitution, and notably the *Charter*.

As articulated by philosopher William James, this theory basically treats religion as a personal experience particular to the individual. The Supreme Court's view of religion as the "freely and deeply held personal beliefs and convictions of the individual" was broken down into three cohesive elements: it is essentially individual, it is centrally concerned with liberty and choice and it is within the private sphere.

Mr. Berger postulates that Canadian law rejects the notion that religion depends on collective traditions in favor of regarding it as "integrally linked with an individual's self-definition and fulfillment." It is acceptable as a "mechanism of human flourishing" and it is the obligation of law, as a part of the public sphere governed by reason, to respect all sincere beliefs as residing within the private domain. More explicitly, religion is one of the many options with which an individual may freely choose to define themselves and if the law failed to protect religion that would constitute a restraint on liberty.

This veneration of the individual, as

opposed to, or even to the detriment of, the group, is not a radical concept in law. Our *Charter*, with all its rights and

restrictions, is founded on the primacy of the individual. (I don't know if that paragraph is necessary)

So it is hardly surprising that religion should be viewed in the same way. Is this wrong? One might consider religion as the expression of a faith shared by a community and that it is the community that changes the simple belief in something into an actual form of religion. In that sense, it may be incorrect for the law to break it down into its constituents: the individual believers.

On the other hand, Mr. Berger pointed out that it is also undesirable for the law to govern religion as a group-based concept. Law is constrained by its own understanding of religion, which is actually a more complex and less manageable culture than the law could imagine.

A number of students were asked to give their opinions regarding the role of religion in law and what they would do in situations where the law conflicted with their religious beliefs. The following are some anonymous responses:

"There should not be any room for religion in the law. There should be one law for everybody so [religion] should not be taken into account. People who have religious beliefs tend to believe in them so strongly that it is a part of them; so if they are so vehemently opposed to



doing something, then they should hand it off to someone else. It's a conflict of interest."

"Our society is based on various values and morals, often derived from religion. Because our law inherently takes these values/morals into consideration (and almost assumes that everybody believes in them), religion is always relevant to law. The law is a good thing. So even if I don't believe in what my client wants me to do, it is what the legal system requires of me – and that's more important than my beliefs."

"There is room for some of the major philosophies that are common to many religions. But to focus on the tenets of any one religion seems dangerous because the law governs our society overall, which includes a huge array of different faiths. If it came down to it, I'd probably choose to obey my religion because that pertains to the eternity, versus a legal system that has been set up by politicians who are far from perfect. At this point, I can't ignore the flaws in either system though."

"It's more possible for religion to influence the law in spiritually homogenous countries. But Canada's multiculturalism and diversity of religions make it difficult for any particular religion to have much of a role in influencing the law. Moreover, any government here that wants to pass laws based on one faith alone risks losing voters. There's only one thing you can do: step aside and let someone else do it. You can't in good conscience circumvent your faith, or undermine the rule of law which you take an oath to uphold once you are called to the bar."

So, although the role religion plays in our law has waned over time, it is arguably still an integral part of our society, regardless of what form it takes. Since the law deals with society, as individuals or otherwise, it will likely continue to touch areas of our lives whether we want it to or not.

Oh, and as for that armour I mentioned? It's still there, firmly in place.

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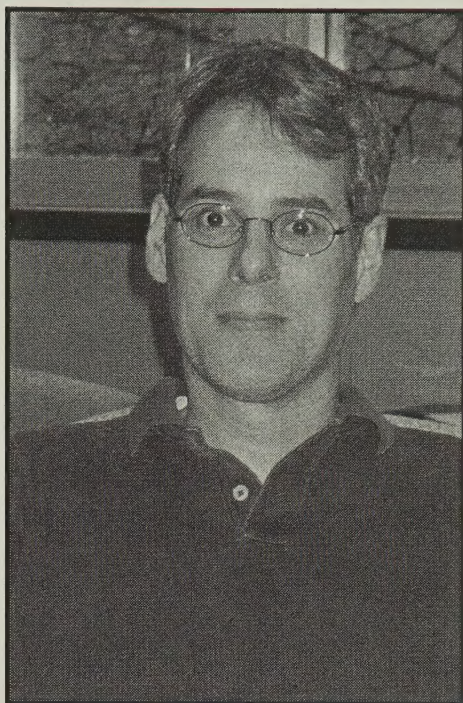
MEET YOUR PROFESSORS: MITCHELL MCINNES, PHD

JAMES KOIZUMI (2L)

When Professor McInnes looks out his office window at winter's icy grasp, his mind inevitably wanders back to years spent teaching law in sunny Australia. Having decided that he was better suited for academia and not practice, Mitchell found his first teaching opportunity at the University of Melbourne and Deakin University. In between Canada, Australia and back again, he managed stops in Ottawa, ON (Supreme Court Clerkship); Cambridge, UK (LL.M, PhD) and London, ON (Professor at UWO); amassing countless academic, professional and teaching accolades along the way.

Evidently, the lessons learned from extensive travel outweigh any regrets or perceived risks. He wisely added that "although I moved around for a few years, I always had a sense that with hard work, things would work out in the end." As a result, Australia infused his spirit with energy and confidence, England sharpened his analytical mind, and U of A Law is fortunate to have him return as a professor.

Mitchell views his experience overseas as "extremely beneficial", gaining a wider perspective of the legal landscape in some of the major Commonwealth nations. He elaborates further and says, "It's not so much a question of learning different sets of rules, but rather being able to put those rules into context." When asked about the styles of students around the world, he said, "as a general rule, the best students are the same everywhere:



thoughtful, diligent, intellectually courageous and serious-minded when the need arises." A few of his personal study habits included: reading and briefing every case, creating personal class summaries, finding confidence in his own understanding of the subject and avoiding study groups.

I was surprised to find out that he never volunteered to speak in a class as a student. Therefore, he is grateful for students with

curiosity and courage. Mitchell adds that, "a group needs a critical mass of people who genuinely want to know more about the law and who are unafraid of 'looking stupid' in front of their classmates. Those people set the tone and encourage others to similarly get involved." He hopes this intellectually daring attitude permeates throughout the 1L population; translating into more visits to professor's offices to ask questions or seek clarification.

Back in 1988, a promising young student dared to venture up to the fourth floor to meet with Professor John Law seeking guidance. Mitchell McInnes desperately wanted to pursue graduate work but ultimately lacked the resources to do so. The Viscount Bennett Scholarship seemed ideal, but it looked as though McInnes would be ineligible for technical reasons. In spite of this, Professor Law advised and encouraged him to submit an application. Money was an issue and had things turned out differently, he might not be teaching today; stating, "I'll always be grateful to John for that."

McInnes' story - from student to professor, reminds us that the U of A Law experience is characterized by lifelong friendships with classmates (Rob Chambers), professors (John Law) and a duty to pay our good fortune forward onto successive years. Referencing his decision to return to Canada from Australia,

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ANONYMOUS LAW STUDENT

I am sitting here writing papers wondering whether my ability to write coherently has gone away just like temperatures above zero? Be concise, be clear, be coherent but most of all be original? It is difficult to be those things when all I can figure out right now is how to be unproductive. I walk up and down the carrels in the library, looking for one without people around it and then sit in the quietest spot and accomplish absolutely nothing.

I can no longer even go online because the MSN profile names are beginning to stress me out: "overwhelmed", "4000/5000 words IP, 23/25 pgs IBT and IL Done!", "I need to study". Then I get to the bitter and paranoid point, when I think to myself that the profile names are purposely there to make me feel horrible about my unproductiveness. Yes, yes I know that is ridiculous, but the thought did

briefly cross my mind.

We really must be running out of time because multi-tasking is definitely on the rise. I am hearing people talk to their mothers on their cell phone while in a bathroom stall, eat their lunches while reading in a library Carrel and write papers while listening to a Professional Responsibility lecture.

I was walking down the hall the other day and I saw another "anonymous law student" with a RedBull in one hand and a coffee in the other and I am pretty sure she also had a pocket full of chocolate covered espresso beans. If this is what we are doing to ourselves when we are law students, will it only get worse for those of us who chose to go into private practice? This is definitely not a healthy lifestyle, and it is very likely unnecessary.

As much as most of us try to ignore the

fact that people like this exist, everyone has that friend who never sacrifices any part of his or her life, not even during exam week. She or he always goes to their dancing/martial arts/yoga/painting/music or basket weaving class, and has their evenings out and does not stress themselves out of their mind. That friend does fine, feels great and never has regrets because they do not sacrifice anything for the sake of studying for a couple more hours. When we stop doing the little things that we do for us, because we think we should, or it feels necessary in order to do well, are we sacrificing too much?

One moment Christmas feels like it is inches away and then the next I am convinced it is not coming for miles. I am really not fit enough for a long distance hike.

WOMEN'S LAW FORUM

STEPHANIE ALDERSEY (2L)

Ok, someone pinch me. It's November WHAT?? I really can't believe that we are already at the end of the semester, but what a fantastic semester it has been. The Women's Law Forum has been keeping busy with a bbq, charitable fundraisers, a coffee/bake sale, a Person's Day breakfast celebration, planning our upcoming Kindred House gift-wrapping party (on Dec 6th), and speakers. The last speaker hosted by the Women's Law Forum was Valerie Campbell, who presented to a large audience on November 16th, 2006. We are extremely lucky in this faculty, to have the opportunity to hear from many wonderful speakers who come to speak on every subject area imaginable. Unfortunately, considering our busy schedules as law students, it seems as though we sometimes have to pick and choose only a few of these visiting speakers to devote our attention and time to. There have been many great speakers already this year at the law school, but I was certainly glad that I took the time to devote my attention to Valerie Campbell's presentation. Judging from the positive comments following her visit, I believe

that the feeling was wide spread. The audience of law students and professors were riveted to Ms. Campbell's powerful presentation on Domestic and Family Violence. This is an extremely interesting topic that seems to ignite both passion and compassion from those who work on its front lines. Now of course it is not everyone's primary area of interest, but it is most certainly an issue that affects us all in some way throughout our lives. Judging from Ms. Campbell's presentation, chances are that your friends, family or acquaintances are directly affected by this prevalent problem... you just might not realize it. Identifying the signs of abuse, and the level of risk attached to different kinds of abuse was only one of the many things that Ms. Campbell explained to the group. As a Crown Prosecutor and co-coordinator for Family Violence Initiatives with the Alberta Department of Justice, Ms. Campbell was able to share with the group stories and tips that have emerged from the front lines of this ongoing legal and social struggle. She explained that various processes throughout the stages of the legal system (from



police response to prosecution to sentencing) have created obstacles in giving victims of domestic violence, overwhelmingly women, the protection and justice that they so desperately need and deserve. It was extremely interesting to hear how certain changes have evolved at all legal stages, contributing to more possibilities

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ABORIGINAL STUDENTS ATTEND THE INDIGENOUS CONFERENCE

AMANDA NEUDORF (1L)

From October 18-21, several members of the Aboriginal Law Students Association had the opportunity to attend the Indigenous Bar Association Conference in Saskatoon. The Indigenous Bar Association (IBA) is a non-profit professional organization for Indian, Inuit and Métis persons trained in the field of law.

For attending students, the conference kicked off with a student day at the beautiful Wanuskewin Heritage Park. At this meeting we discussed the make-up of the Indigenous Student Council which will serve as a communication network for Indigenous Law Students across Canada. Also we elected two student reps to sit on the IBA board for the next year, including our own Koren Lightening Earle. The Indigenous Bar Association is exceptionally supportive of the law student membership and student

representatives are full members of the board not just casual observers.

The focus of the conference was "Making

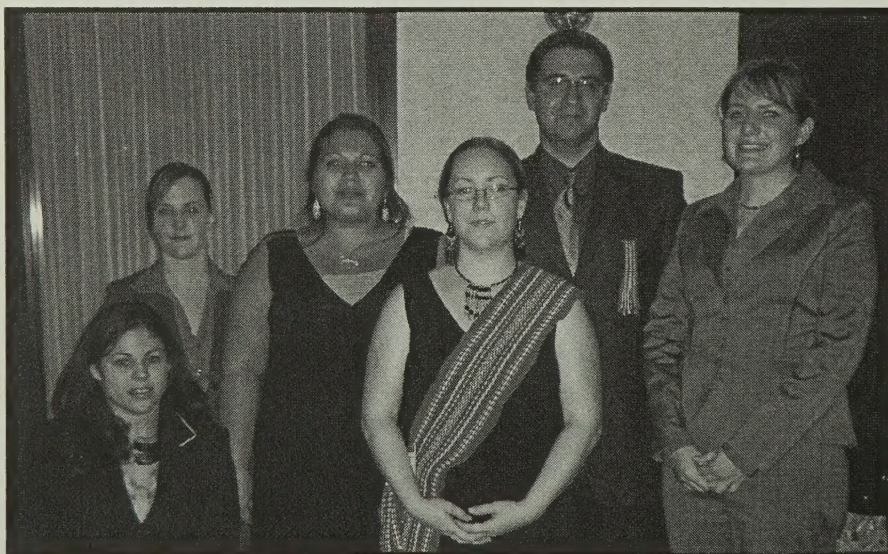
this subject explored the impact RCAP has had on law and policy development since its release, the tools the report provided to further

interests of indigenous people in Canada and what indigenous peoples have done to implement RCAP suggestions. The report itself was both commended and criticized as was the degree of usefulness commissions and inquiries of this kind have in influencing actual policy development.

Workshops were held throughout the three days of the conference and were a highlight due to the smaller groups and more

discussion based forums. A workshop on

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Aboriginal Policy: A Conference Ten Years After the Final Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP).” Speakers on

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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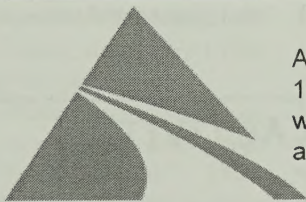
After a long semester of sitting on our butts in classrooms and study carrels, a few students decided it was time to exercise more than their minds and actually put their bodies to good use too! A group of 10 eager law students volunteered their time and skill for Habitat for Humanity day on November 18, organized by the Law Student's Philanthropy Club. The wonderful thing about Habitat for Humanity is that you don't need any prior experience with construction or any of your own tools in order to help out! What this inevitably leads to is a group of 10 law students with minimal building experience staring at a pile of wood and a screw gun, trying to figure out how to build a balcony!

So if we were expecting to have a day of not using our minds, we were in for a surprise! Like any good law student when faced with a problem to solve...we looked for a precedent. After examining the balconies that had already been completed, we dove right in! With some guidance from the Habitat Foreman and some amazing teamwork, we were able to nearly complete 2 balconies that day! Pretty good for a group of law students, some of whom had never even seen power tools before. By the end of the day we had used saws, screw guns, levels and had some crazy hard-hat hair going on!



The sense of accomplishment that comes from building something with your own hands for such a good cause as Habitat for Humanity is well worth the day away from your books. It is a chance to give back to the community, learn some new skills and get to know some great new people! By the end of the day, we were

covered in mud, tired as hell and feeling great about it! This was a super fun event and we will be organizing another one for next semester, so keep your eyes peeled for the sign up and get your hammers ready to rock!



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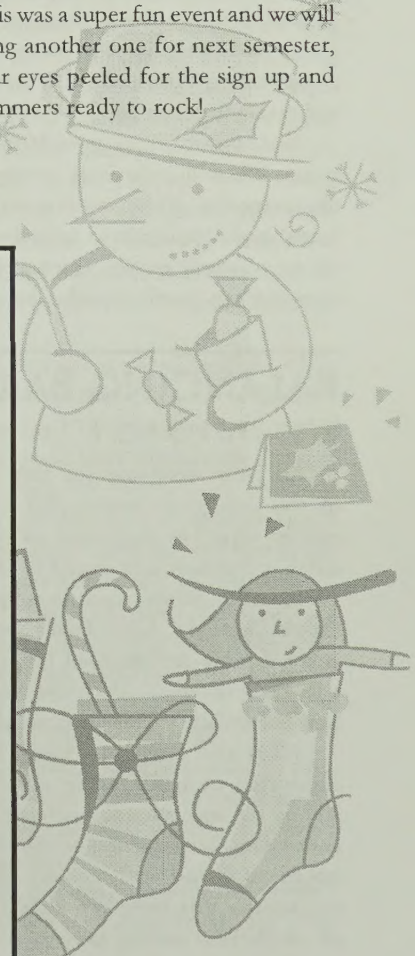
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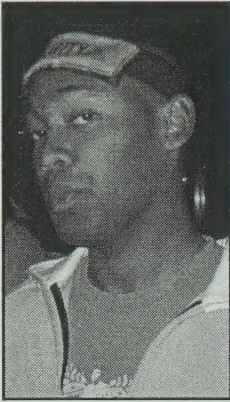
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IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE

RYAN LEE CHEE (3L)

You are clearly not the smartest person in the class, not the best exam writer, and quite frankly didn't attend half of the classes. But should this keep you from achieving average grade scores? Of course not, my advice to you is simple: Plan Ahead.



Planning can take many forms. In December nothing is more appropriate than to plan acts of kindness.

Now December is not just exam season, but it is the holiday season and unfortunately right in the middle of flu season. How will these three things align in your favor? Well at exam time there are a number of walking pigeons that sit in the exam room sniffing and hacking up nasty phlegm. As they sit there spreading their germs and disrupting the thoughts of those around them, you secretly wish that they would just vacate the premises.

Not so fast. These poor bastards are the reason you will make class average or above this semester. Exam writers stricken with hardships or viruses have been the life jackets of my academic career. Think about it, these troopers can barely breathe, let alone write

coherent logical exams. Their goal is to **merely stay alive.**

Lets walk through an exam day together. Statute book? Check. Pens and CANS? Check. Comfortable seat? Ch... Wait! What is that sound? A snuffle from the back row?

Oh dear, it appears Mr. Popularity seems a little under the weather. How could this have happened? Was it because you were kind enough to give him a doughnut in the library two days ago? The very same doughnut you were using as a curling stone in the men's washroom. Its okay, feel free to smirk, this guy is a dead man walking and you my friend have just crawled out of the academic dungeon without lifting a pen.

Well, the exam has just started. Time to read your fact pattern. What is that noise coming from the aisle seat? Sounds like "Quiet Studious Girl" in the class has got herself some indigestion problems. Ouch, that's too bad. I wonder if she got it from that bagel you gave her. Probably not, maybe it was the cream cheese that hasn't been in a fridge for two days that did it. But hey you're not a scientist, what do you know? These gas bombs may be disturbing where you're sitting (eight seats away) but it is a massive annoyance and distraction to the keeners sitting right next to her. This distraction has just cost them a grade point. Think about this, you haven't written a word and you've been bumped up the curve all the way from C- to B-.

But what type of grade is B-? You didn't compromise your ethics and morals for B- did you? The least you could do is...uh oh looks like "Poor Law Student" is having problems with the set of brand new pens you bought him. I hope you didn't leave those pens open in the cold the night before so the ink would freeze. Poor Law Student sure looks flustered, and he's losing valuable exam time, hope he can find a better pen quick.

From my experience, it appears those who do really well in law school have kids. The work ethic for law parents do not flow from a need to preserve their precious egos, but to succeed for their children. Nothing could be a greater motivation.

But not this year...looks like the "Law Mom" or "Law Dad" appears to be frazzled. Is it because you surprised their son/daughter with a new stuffed animal? A stuffed animal that was stolen from a six year old who suffered from the stomach flu? It's a known fact that young children have weaker immune systems than adults, so why go after the "Law Mom" or "Law Dad" when you can take out the weak link. That child who can barely keep apple juice down will suck away precious study time from otherwise very hard-working individuals.

So there you go, by maintaining the spirit of the festive Christmas/Holiday season, you have just bought yourself a B. Just remember, what goes around comes around.

BALANCING BARS AND OTHER BOTHERSOME ACTIVITIES

WENDY WANG (1L)

I'm sure everyone (or just the editors of this prestigious newspaper) is wondering exactly what has happened to our dear ol' Aleck, previously introduced to the public in a haze of bitterness and smart-ass loathing. Here's the thing: Aleck finally swallowed his deluded pride and dragged his sorry arse to a law school event. Aleck saw beer. Aleck is now known among his peers as Alkie.

What the crisp brochures and flash-supported websites fail to mention is that among the many courses offered in the core curriculum, Introduction to EtOH 101 is an unofficial inclusion. It should also come as no surprise that there is a higher percentage of alcoholism among lawyers – sure, those so-called scientists can argue however they want about fancy-schmancy third variables and

causal direction, but we know better than that statistical mumbo jumbo.

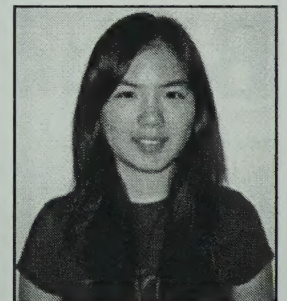
It all starts here. We as law students come to school bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, the proverbial cookie dough (mostly nutty) just waiting to get baked. Straight away, we are very indelicately thrown into a world of casebook readings, 100% exams, and various in-jokes making light of snails and smoke balls.

For Alkie (and others), first term has undoubtably left him feeling beaten, his sense of self violated, and his morals questionable. While some have found refuge in healthy coping mechanisms (of the respectable or boring type), Alkie has been able to parlay his lack of shame from self-satisfactorily preening his feathers in the classroom to drunkenly warbling cheesy country music songs at the local student

hang-out.

Regrettably, nights like these are always followed by the mornings after. I'm sure we can all relate to that sluggish feeling of wanting to curl up forever

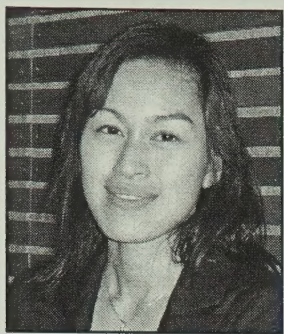
in our comforters, only sporadically emerging from our bedsheet-cocoons as unshaven Bigfeet to raid the kitchen for water and crackers (or more moonshine). What's stopping us is what got us here in the first place, this unfortunate



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NO MORE MUSH BRAINS

LILY NGUYEN (1L)



Call me a dork, but I'm starting to like this law stuff.

If you ever saw *The Paper Chase*, you'll remember that scene where the law prof tells his first-years they come in with minds

like mush and they'll leave thinking like lawyers. I think I figured out what that means. The bolt struck me on a recent weekend take-home "assignment" in Criminal Law. Among other things, it required us to evaluate proposed anti-terror legislation. This set off a wave of eye-rolling, chest-

beating and hair-pulling as we desperately thumbed our casebook for a glimmer of light. It also would have resulted in coagulations of human misery in the law building's hallways except that we were absolutely forbidden to speak to each other on pain of dire consequences -- for example, but not limited to: being expelled, blacklisted with the law society, dragged before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and voted out at Tribal Council. Our communications with each other were thus confined to stricken "hellos" and furtive glances in Hub Mall -- followed by a glance over our shoulders in case Professor Penney or any of his spies were watching. All that aside, if somebody had asked us to look at anti-terror legislation before law school, we would have mumbled vaguely about free speech, fairness, tolerance, good and evil, world peace, etc.

Now that we're in law, we no longer have to worry about that silly stuff. Instead, we have something much more meaningful -- the Oakes test. That is, is it rationally connected? Minimally Restrictive? Proportionate between means and objective? What's even better, there's a whole community of like-minded individuals (fellow law dorks) out there spending hours of their youth on such things. It's as good as a Klingon handshake to identify a fellow Trekkie. Why does this matter? Back to *The Paper Chase*. The next time you're confronted with a problem, any problem, don't content yourself with a mushy sense that something is wrong. Instead, slice and dice with the Oakes test. Seriously, the next time your Mom asks you to give her more than the weekend to do your laundry, run the request through the Oakes test. The results are eye opening.

She says:

Oh the holidays- the sheer panic of exams, the lack of sleep, the countless hours of reading...all over...for a single minute of relief, then on to the panic of CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. The truth of the matter is the only good thing about Christmas shopping is picturing the faces of your loved ones opening the perfect gift (and they say Christmas spirit is lost) — Don't fret my little elf, I empathize with your woes and suggest to you the perfect gift. So sit back, put on some Christmas tunes, sip on your hot chocolate, and re-direct your stress from studying to shopping.

To Santa: Boys, although size does matter, this is your chance to prove that good things really do come in "small packages". Think about it. May I suggest, Tiffany's!!! Nothing says I love you like a shiny new bracelet, a necklace, or earrings! Refrain from something too expensive (unless you can back that up on Valentine's day!). Make this gift thoughtful and put it around the neck of a teddy bear, or in a little cute bag. Want to get away from the jewels? Buy her favorite DVD and wrap it up with a bag of popcorn and a hot chocolate mix-make the present into a date night. Please don't get her lingerie. Let me emphasize this: lingerie is a present FOR YOU not FOR HER. If you want to get her something not so thoughtful (like a vacuum) don't. But I can assure you, any gift can be thoughtful... a bathroom set with bubble bath soap and a mix cd? A book with tickets to a show as the bookmark? The ideas are endless, and every Santa knows you don't have to spend much; it really is the thought

HE SAYS... SHE SAYS

By Mariana Oliveira &
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With the holiday fast approaching, I am so lost in what I should buy for my significant other, please help!

that counts.

To Ms. Clause: This is a special time for you- you get to look at your boyfriend's closet and think to yourself-- What has to go? Yes! You've figured it out- Christmas is about buying your loved one something to replace the very thing you dislike: a new sweater, a new jacket, socks WITHOUT holes, or cute pairs of briefs so he puts his Canadian beer boxers to rest! This is the time you get to be "thoughtful" muahaha. Want to go above and beyond that? Think about something he really wants, not needs. But girls, please think outside the 'x-box'. As cool as you think you may be by buying him a new video game--please be aware that he will actually play it- A LOT! Do yourself a favor and instead of the game, splurge on that Scarface DVD... I mean, he can only watch that once a week! Wanna sexify the holidays? Surprise him with a little something-feel confident, pick it out yourself, and go put Santa on the Naughty list.

So my little elf, I hope this helped relax your holiday fears. My only question for you now is: what are you getting the in-laws?

He says:

Ah yes, the ole' Christmas Conundrum: what present to give to your significant other so that she forgives you for getting drunk and taking your pants off during Thanksgiving dinner. Well my devoted readers, Uncle Advice is here to bail you out. As usual, you're about to be privy to the deepest and saltiest pool of knowledge in the Galaxy: Me. Using my patented Top 3 (I can patent that, right Professor Hutchison?), I'll wow you with a few fantastic yuletide suggestions that are sure to melt the heart of even the coldest Christmas Goose.

First off, let's talk about suggestions when shopping for the ladies. The rule of thumb when buying a gift for your best gal is that if you think it's gnarly, she'll think you're an idiot. Somewhere along the line, girls got confused and started thinking that Christmas wasn't about material gain. Girls respond best to the category of gifts known as, "It's the thought that counts." For ideal results, try to get into the mind-frame of a 5-year old; think glue, macaroni, sparkles, and trite sayings like, "I love you."

Top 3 Gifts For Girlfriends:

3) **Favour Coupon Book** - Things like "1 Free Doing It" are ideal. Try not to over-commit yourself. "1 Free Foot Rub" is easier to promise than it is to perform.

2) **Hang out one-on-one with her sister** - Christmas for her is all about family, and what

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TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE FINALS

PHIL DU HEAUME (2L)

Twas the night before finals, and all through the Gavel
All the students so stressed, had begun to unravel;
All their notes were spread out in an unfettered mess,
A small glimpse to the future of open book tests;
With CANS incomplete, and readings unread,
All their dreams of good articling - dying or dead;
I was complaining loudly, "I don't get this crap,"
And submitted myself to a mid-study nap,
When all of a sudden there erupted a din,
And I opened my eyes to the sight of a grin.
I said to the person, "Hey dude, what's your deal?"
He shook his head saying, "Friend, I know how you feel,
You spent all semester thinking finals were far,
And enjoyed most your nights going out to the bar.
But don't worry kid, you're not really alone"
At which point, he paused so to answer his phone.
I looked up in wonder at this study-time fairy,
With a dapper new suit and a buzzing BlackBerry,
I could tell from his posture he'd been here before,
Well, that and his One Card could open the door.
He winced for a moment and his look turned to sour,
When the other voice said "But we bill by the hour!"
I paused for a while 'till his phone call was done,
Then he looked up again and asked, "Where were we son?"
I replied with a groan and I threw up my hands.
He nodded and said to me, "I understand.
The reason I say this is just to be nice:
Enjoy what you're doing 'cause this is the price.
I got into law chasing almighty dollars,
But instead I've been living in relative squalor.
All the finals I wrote and ultimately survived,
Helped to get me a job where I'm now sleep deprived.
But don't get me wrong, as I love what I do,
Just make sure to know that this life is for you."
Then he reached in his case for what I call his "stash".
And passed me a booklet that would then help me pass.
I looked at the title and exclaimed, "You're the man!
I've been trying to get me an upper-year's CAN!
Now I don't have to study, forget reading my book,
I'll just steal every mark and get out like a crook!"
He laughed quite outloud, but it sure wasn't jolly,
And we both recognized that my plan here was folly.
If I managed to pass but I never did learn it,
My degree would be useless - I might as well burn it.
But I didn't know squat, I was in quite a bind,
Decide which matters more, my grades or my mind?
I'll get kicked out of school if I fail and don't pass,
With no job, and my debt, I'll be broke off my ass.
So I opened my books with a new sense of fear,
And I swore I'd work harder through all of next year.
And I promised I'd read and brief every new case,
And I'd frequent more often our fine study space,
The articling student, his work here now done,
Gave a well-seasoned handshake and said, "I must run,"
But I heard him exclaim, with a light-hearted grin,
"Just wait 'till you're finished, then the real work begins!"

12 WEEKS OF LAW ERYNNE SCHUSTER (2L)

On the first day of classes
my professor warned me
the class average would be a B

On the second week of classes
The LSA gave to me
Two contracts cans,
Which would guarantee me a B

On the third week of classes
Pat Neil gave to me
Three job seminars
Two contracts cans
Which would guarantee me a B

On the fourth week of classes
Neil Buddel gave to me
Four small group meetings
Three job seminars
Two contracts cans
Which would guarantee me a B

On the fifth week of classes
My LRW prof gave to me
Five citation exercises
Four small group meetings
Three job seminars
Two contracts Cans
Which would guarantee me a B

On the sixth week of classes
A third year gave to me
Six study tips
Five citation exercises
Four small group meetings
Three job seminars
Two contracts cans
Which would guarantee me a B

On the seventh week of classes
A second year gave to me
Seven used textbooks
Six study tips
Five citation exercises
Four small group meetings
Three job seminars
Two contracts cans
Which would guarantee me a B

On the eighth week of classes
My prof gave to me
Eight practice exams
Seven used textbooks
Six study tips
Five citation exercises
Four small group meetings
Three job seminars
Two contracts cans
Which would guarantee me a B

On the ninth week of classes
Steve gave to me
Nine cups of coffee
Eight practice exams
Seven used textbooks
Six study tips
Five citation exercises
Four small group meetings
Three job seminars
Two contracts cans
Which would guarantee me a B

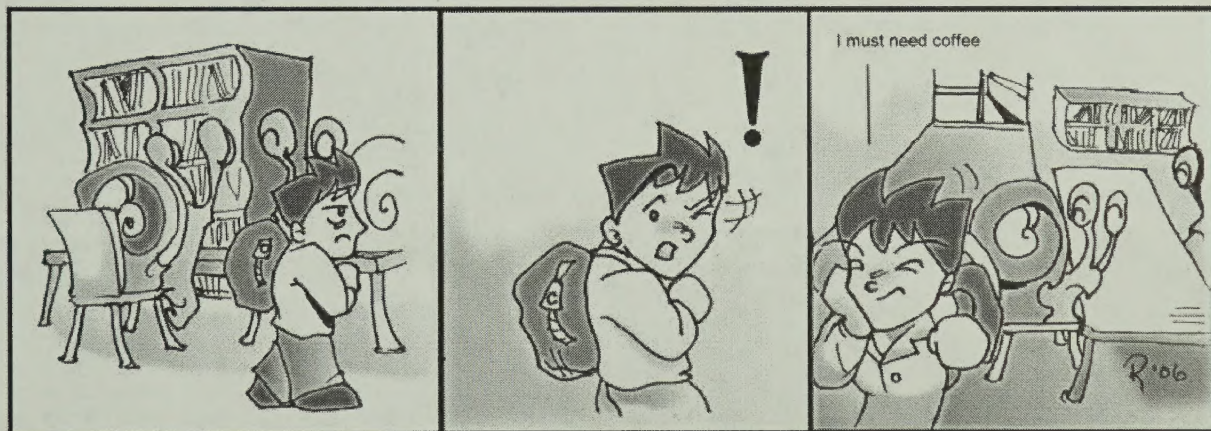
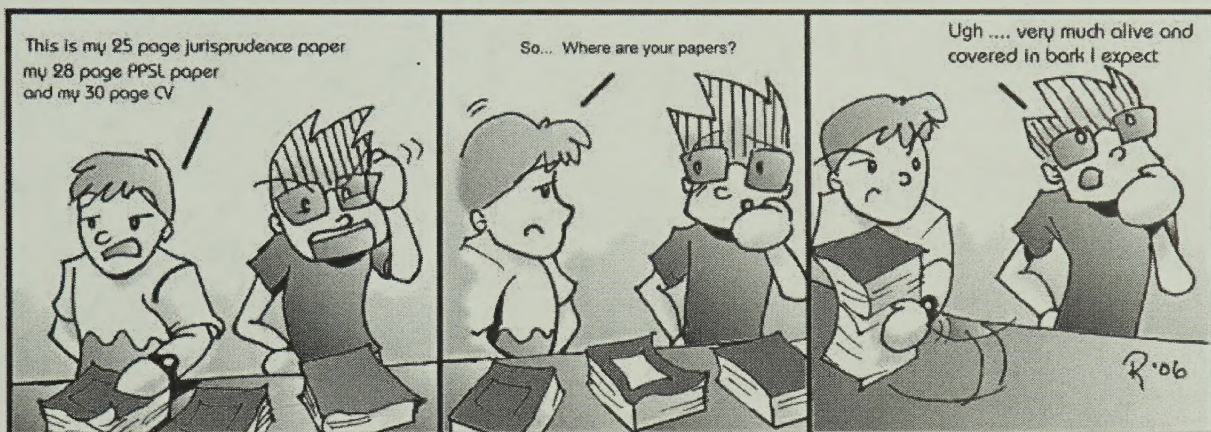
On the tenth week of classes
My teacher gave to me
Ten make up classes
Nine cups of coffee
Eight practice exams
Seven used textbooks
Six study tips
Five citation exercises
Four small group meetings
Three job seminars
Two contracts cans
Which would guarantee me a B

On the eleventh week of classes
My professor gave to me
Eleven minutes per question
Ten make up classes
Nine cups of coffee
Eight practice exams
Seven used textbooks
Six study tips
Five citation exercises
Four small group meetings
Three job seminars
Two contracts cans
Which would guarantee me a B

On the twelfth week on the classes
My professor gave to me
Twelve- thousand pages of reading
Eleven minutes per question
Ten make up classes
Nine cups of coffee
Eight practice exams
Seven used textbooks
Six study tips
Five citation exercises
Four small group meetings
Three job seminars
Two contracts cans
And I didn't even get a B

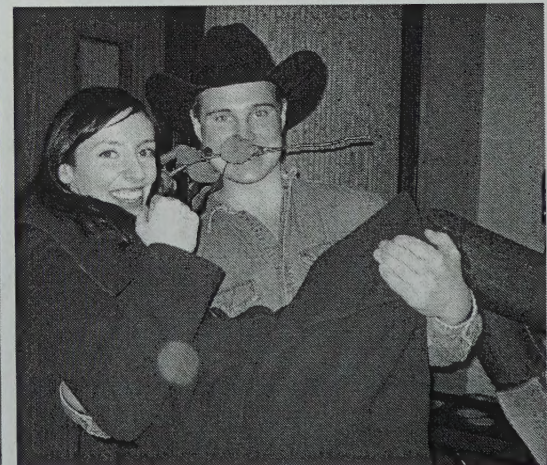
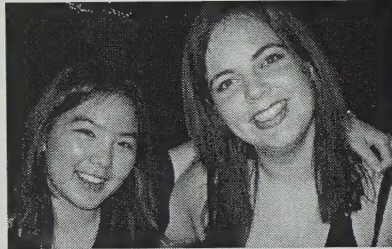
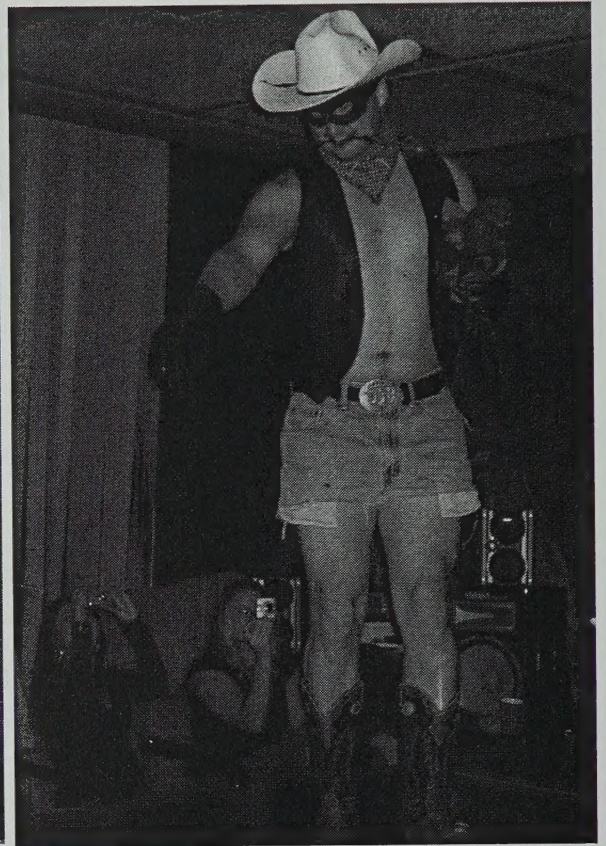
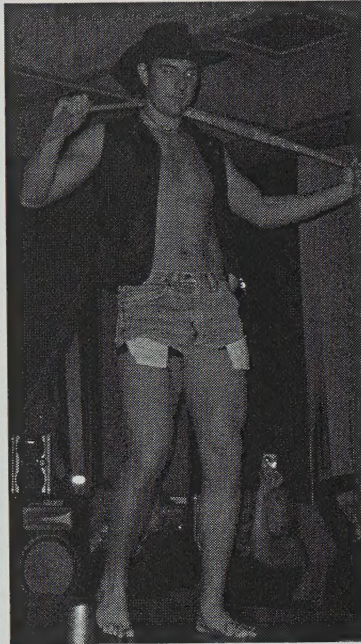
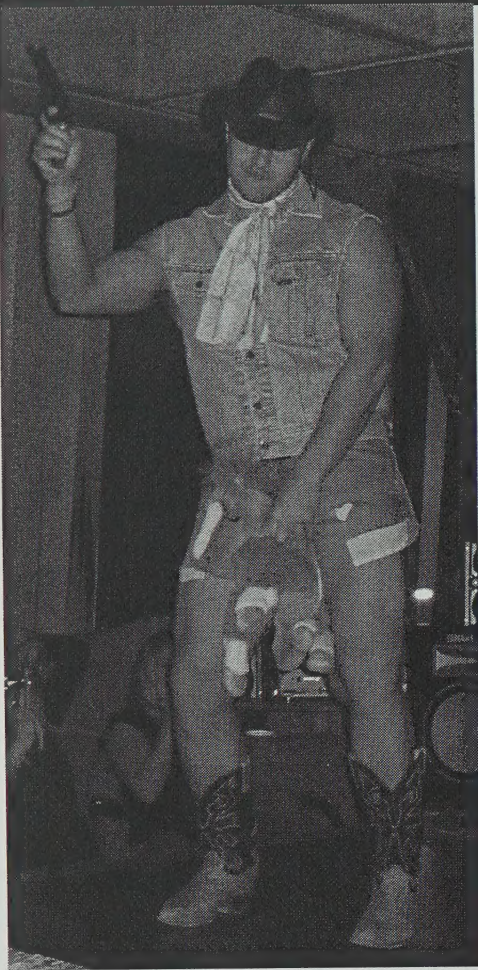
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RYAN MCFARLAND (2L)





RUGBY FABS



WESTERN GENTLEMEN'S FASHION SHOW



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CHICKS WITH STICKS

KATY HOLLAND (2L)

It's hard to deny the popularity of a good hockey fight. What's not to love? The gloves thrown dramatically to the ice in challenge, the elaborate dance of two opponents trying to get position, and the anticipation builds until...Fists of Fury and, if we're lucky, a bit of blood. I mean, you've practically got a whole Hollywood plot line right there in 30 seconds! However, I must admit that I never fully appreciated the physical side of our great Canadian game until I joined the Women's Law Hockey team.

Now, we're all rather civilized "ladies" and we're more accustomed to resolving conflicts than creating them. This would explain why we spent most of our first game apologizing every time we bumped into another player on the ice. However, I like to think that I set the tone for the rest of the season by getting a hooking penalty within the first 2 minutes of my hockey career. Maria "The Enforcer" Chau quickly followed my lead with a body checking penalty...and the game was on!!

Having spent most of my previous ice time wearing speed skates and trying to *avoid* contact, this was a whole new world for me. I was happy to discover how exceptionally protective hockey equipment actually is! I didn't have to feel guilty about hitting someone across the shins with my stick or crushing them against the boards in a struggle for the puck. With



equipment on, it was like a full-blown pillow fight out there!

By our second game, there were no more apologies and we were in the mood to get aggressive! We were scrambling on the boards and jostling around the net and amid all that we even managed to score a goal! (Courtesy of Ashleigh "Wheels" Baylis).... and Maria also managed to get another body checking penalty. The rink had provided us the perfect outlet to relieve all of our school stress! A little nudge here because of that never-ending casebook, a little jostle there for

the Prof whose lectures make no sense and a hack to the shins for that SNAIL that is always answering her cell phone in the library. By the end of the game, you have taken out all of your frustrations and balance has been restored to the universe. Who needs *Fight Club* when you've got Women's Intramural hockey!

Don't get me wrong, we are out there to play hockey (and having a blast doing it, I might add). But on top of that, we are getting the added bonus of a place to vent our stress without regrets! So if you are looking for a good time and some effective stress relief, think twice before calling that number you saw in the bathroom stall, and come check out some "Swift Justice, the Women's Law Hockey Team". With finals approaching, stress levels are on the rise and, who knows, you might even see some gloves drop!

Swift Justice has their next game at 7:15 on Thursday November 30th.



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The Law Hockey Pool returns for the 2006-2007 school year!

Current standings:

1. Ian Klaiman	303	5. Hugh Hammond5	298	9. Jim Dinning	297
2. Peter Carver	302	5. Hugh Hammond7	298	9. Lindy Shearer	297
3. Ashleigh Baylis	299	5. Katy Holland	298	13. Ameen Tejani	296
3. Zachary Bodmer	299	9. Scott Kurie 2	297	14. James Koizumi 1	295
5. Ian Stedman	298	9. Scott Kurie 4	297	173. borky2000	165

FOOSBALL EQUALS FUNBALL

MIKE SHARP (3L)

This past summer, when the days were warm and long {sigh}, the LSA Executive made the tough decision to purchase our own foosball table. This table was to be for free-use in the Gavel and to replace the coin operated crappy one that no one used. Play on the new table started out slow (presumably because the first years were too nervous to challenge anyone) but has picked up dramatically in the recent weeks.

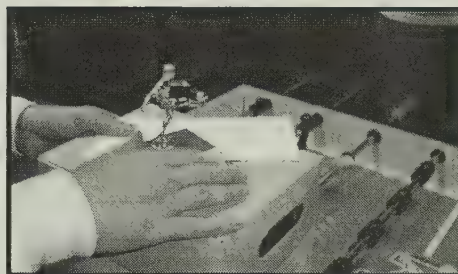
On Nov. 17th, at the first foosball competition of the year, we witnessed some great teams display great sportsmanship (except for the actions of a certain Dave Both). This year's tournament had a total of 32 participants and we were lucky to even get several spectators as well. It was nice to see representation from all years and especially nice to see several lady participants in this traditionally male dominated sport.

While any one of five or six highly skilled teams could have probably walked away as the champs, Peter Krysiak and Kieran Ryan (Da Brothas) took away first prize and bragging rights while Kris Nielsen and Phil DuHeaume finished as the runners-up.



We look forward to running at least one more tournament next term (possibly including a non-competitive division) as well as potential for a 'noon-hour challenge' ladder. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to e-mail me at sharp@ualberta.ca or the VP Sports, Matt Husson at mhusson@ualberta.ca.

Thank-you to Hudson's on Campus and The Golden Bearsters Rugby Club for donating prizes.



SOMETIMES THE INFEEBLED NEED TO BE TOLD SO

JASON THOMAS (3L)

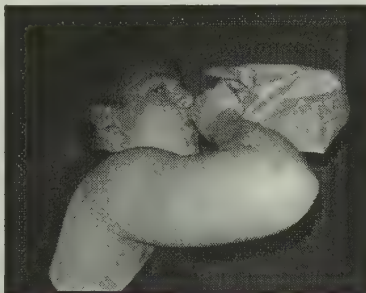
NOTE: As this is a rant piece, certain last names were withheld.

I can't stand Bob and Harry. I just hate them. I don't care how many people tell me: "It's just not Saturday night without them", I still fail miserably in muting my desire to, as Patrick Bateman uttered in that classic *American Psycho*, 'kill them both and play around in their blood'.

Why this irrational hatred? Let me count the ways:

Number one, there are mammoths nearing escape in the rapidly melting northern ice shelves with less time on planet Earth than Bob and Harry. In fact, cryogenics seems an utterly plausible reason why they have no home to firebomb as I flip through the white pages. The undead go unlisted. Owing to this seniority,

neither Bob nor Harry has the slightest idea about what's taking place on the ice at any given time. Did a defenceman just trip someone?



"That was a vicious elbow Bob". Puck sails 10 feet wide on a point shot? "Raycroft with a HUGE glove save point blank!!". Bob and Harry were put on this earth in order for me to

learn the lesson that the television truly cannot hear you as you cry.

The worst thing about them though is their nauseating 'homerism.' No, Bob and Harry don't live in Springfield, they live in Toronto. And in case you ever forget, listen to some commentary for about 5 seconds. "Sundin scores!!! Truly the greatest player in the history of time and existence!! Mats Sundin!!". Or this other little gem, "And the Oilers are going to the Finals. Imagine how great it was if Sundin was on the team?!!!"

Now homers in broadcasting are common (i.e. Calgary's Roger Millions) but there is a line. Rod Phillips calling Mick McGeough a 'jackass' was a bit, ummm, biased but he had some cause there. Refusing to acknowledge your

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ABORIGINAL CONFERENCE

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Expert Witness Preparation was held by Donald E. Worme, a criminal lawyer from Saskatchewan, member of the Queen's Council, and counsel for the Stonechild family during the recent inquiry into the death of Neil Stonechild in Saskatchewan. Mr. Worme facilitated a very interesting workshop that dealt with in part the preparation, treatment, and issues surrounding the special role of Aboriginal Elders as expert witnesses on Aboriginal laws and custom. As well there was a workshop held by Judge Tony Mandamin of the Provincial Court of Alberta entitled "Using Evidence Effectively". Judge Mandamin took the opportunity during this workshop to highlight several of the high profile cases he has been involved in during his career and in particular spoke about the process of getting these cases to the Supreme Court of Canada and the turning points in each of the cases.

The conference ended with a gala at the Bessborough Hotel where delegates treated to a keynote address by Sakej Youngblood Henderson and the induction of Donald Worme to the Indigenous Peoples Counsel. Attendees were also entertained with traditional hoop dancing and singing.

The conference was a wonderful experience for a law student just starting out with an interest in Aboriginal Law. The chance to interact with so many inspiring individual that have accomplished so much was very valuable. The speakers and workshops were educational and encouraged a lot of thought and discussion on the issues facing Aboriginal people in Canada today.

SOMETIMES THE INFEEBLED

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team's deficiencies or other teams strengths is just brutal... and totally unnecessary when Jim Hughson is waiting in the wings to jump from my NHL 2002 game to primetime. Bob and Harry are by no means the only mouth-breathers in the commentary game today (see: Greg Millen, Tie Domi, Nick Kypreos, Mike Brophy) but because of their age it seems sacrosanct to criticize their futility. Well sue me then. The truth is a total defence to libel and judging by Bob and Harry's recent attempts to identify players on the ice, I doubt they'd spell my name right anyway. Just so you know, it's spelled B-H-A-T-I-A.

BAR BALANCE

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fact of school that we can't seem to evade, no matter how feverishly we cling to our frosted glasses as upper-years regale us with tall tales of mythical classmates' incredible victories against better judgment.

So, where do we draw the line? How do we situate ourselves between the keeners and unseen-ers, while still finding time to party like it's 2999?

The answer is simple. It is time to start getting acquainted with that other 'b' word: balance. Oh, I can hear your inward groans and "Shut up, you're not my mother!" and admittedly I myself have yet to find that Holy Grail of study habits. Still I know, deep down in my gut, perhaps in some parallel universe where that mysterious "reasonable person" is actually alive and well, that I am right.

After all, there is no need to be such a stubborn stickler about finishing every single reading before class, taking down every word bandied about it, and concluding every list with "Something that Communicates Finality". On the other hand, better to come to class expecting to learn through literary osmosis on a subconscious level rather than being passed out on your couch at home on an unconscious one.

I guess if I made the effort to formulate a conclusion, it would be this: exams are coming up. Resist temptation! Maybe the only way you can get through studying is in a buzzed state, but accept that if you hold out and go cold-turkey for a few days, it makes for a heck of an after-party when the madness is over.

The phrase "fellow members at the bar" has never rung so true.

HE SAID SHE SAID

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better way to show your dedication to family than taking her cute younger sister out for a night on the town?

1) Gift certificates to stores you like - She really just wants to buy things for you after all. Alleviate her financial burdens by getting her gift certificates for things like video games and fishing gear.

Now lets get into the true spirit of Christmas and talk about suggestions for the fellas. Again, the trick for cross-gender shopping is to move away from your natural way of thinking. A present that promotes togetherness is about as useless as the proverbial tits on a bull. That being said, anything dealing with breasts or cattle on an individual basis is a good starting point when gift shopping for an Albertan male. The easiest way to shop for men is to keep all decisions within the can't-fail trifecta of sports, entertainment, and sports-entertainment.

Top 3 Buys for Boyfriends:

3) Favour Coupon Book - Things like "10 Free Doing Its" are ideal. Try not to over-commit him. "1 Free Hanging Out All Day" is easier to promise than it is to put up with.

2) Tacos - What kind of self-respecting man turns down tacos?

1) Don't Dump Him - Sometimes as guys we just don't get it. If nothing else, Christmas should be the time to forgive us for giving you coupon books, Fishin' Hole gift certificates, and hanging out with your sister.

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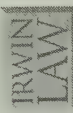
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LEGALIZE THE LYRICS

FIRST PLACE: KEVIN LONG - CONSTITUTIONAL PIE

A long, long time ago...
I can still remember
How their rulings used to make us cry.
And they knew that if we had a choice
We'd construe the law with our own voice
And, maybe, we'd be happy for a while.

Their lack of thought made us shiver
With every holding they'd deliver.
Bad views which devoured
Section ninety-one power.

I can't remember why they tried
To ignore Sir John A. once he died
But something fills me up with pride
Today, we do decide.

So bye-bye, crusty, old English guys.
If there's a tort we've got a Court
Upon which we can rely.
And our judges know how Canada's rules
apply
Singin', "this living tree will not die."
"this living tree will not die."

Was *Labour Conventions* sane,
Or anything written by Lord Haldane,
If the U.K. tells us so?
And did you grasp *Hodge v. The Queen*,
Was that distinction not just so obscene?
Then can you teach me how it works real
slow?

Well, I know that we're in better hands
'cause the "Law Test" makes sense in my
CANs.
We pushed those Brits away.
Man, just give me La Forest.

I was lost, confused, mad and stuck
Thought constitutional did really suck,
But they no longer run amok
Today, we do decide.

I started singin',
Bye-bye, crusty, old English guys.
If there's a tort we've got a Court
Upon which we can rely.
Our judges know how Canada's rules apply
Singin', "this living tree will not die."
"this living tree will not die."

Now for sixty years we've been on our own
And, wow, how this living tree has grown,
But that's not how it used to be.
When the lower courts have gone amiss,
We look to home-grown *stare decisis*
And a voice that came from you and me.

Oh, and since things stopped looking down,
The profs are no longer forced to frown.
The class lessons are learned;
No casebooks are returned.

And while students read a book on Iac,
The mooters practice their attack,
And we know why we are on track
Today, we do decide.

We were singing,
Bye-bye, crusty, old English guys.
If there's a tort we've got a Court
Upon which we can rely.
Our judges know how Canada's rules apply
Singin', "this living tree will not die."
"this living tree will not die."

HONOURABLE MENTION: MATT KACHUR - WHAT PETER V. BEBLOW HAS TAUGHT ME (TO THE MONKEY'S "I'M A BELIEVER")

I thought the division of matrimonial property was only true
in marriages
Maybe for legally married, but not for me
I was only common law
If I were to break up I'd be free

Then I read the case, now I'm a believer
There's not a trace of doubt in my mind
Even though I'm common-law
I wouldn't leave her
She'd rob me blind

I thought marriage was a give and take thing
I'd pay the bills and she'd take care of me
Then we talked of splittin'
Who am I kiddin'
She got a constructive trust outta me



Then I read the case,
Now I'm a believer
All these precedents, now I am
bound,
I'm Common Law, oohhhh
I'm a believer,
I couldn't leave her if I tried
Now I'm a believer, yeah
Now I'm a believer
I'm a believer



HONORABLE MENTION: ALEX MILLMAN - DANGEROUS OFFENDER (TO THE TURTLES- SO HAPPY TOGETHER)

Imagine him and you, can you?
He's just messed up, its just not right
to think about a girl who's twelve... and hold
her tight
Dangerous Offender

And if he should be released, on his plea
We would have another Lavalée
Keep him away, that's meant to be
Dangerous Offender

I can't see him asking if it's okay
To spend the night
He won't listen to you when you say
It's not all right

You or you.. and Ewanchuk
Alone in his van, that's just bad luck
He offers you a job, but he wants to "talk"
Dangerous Offender

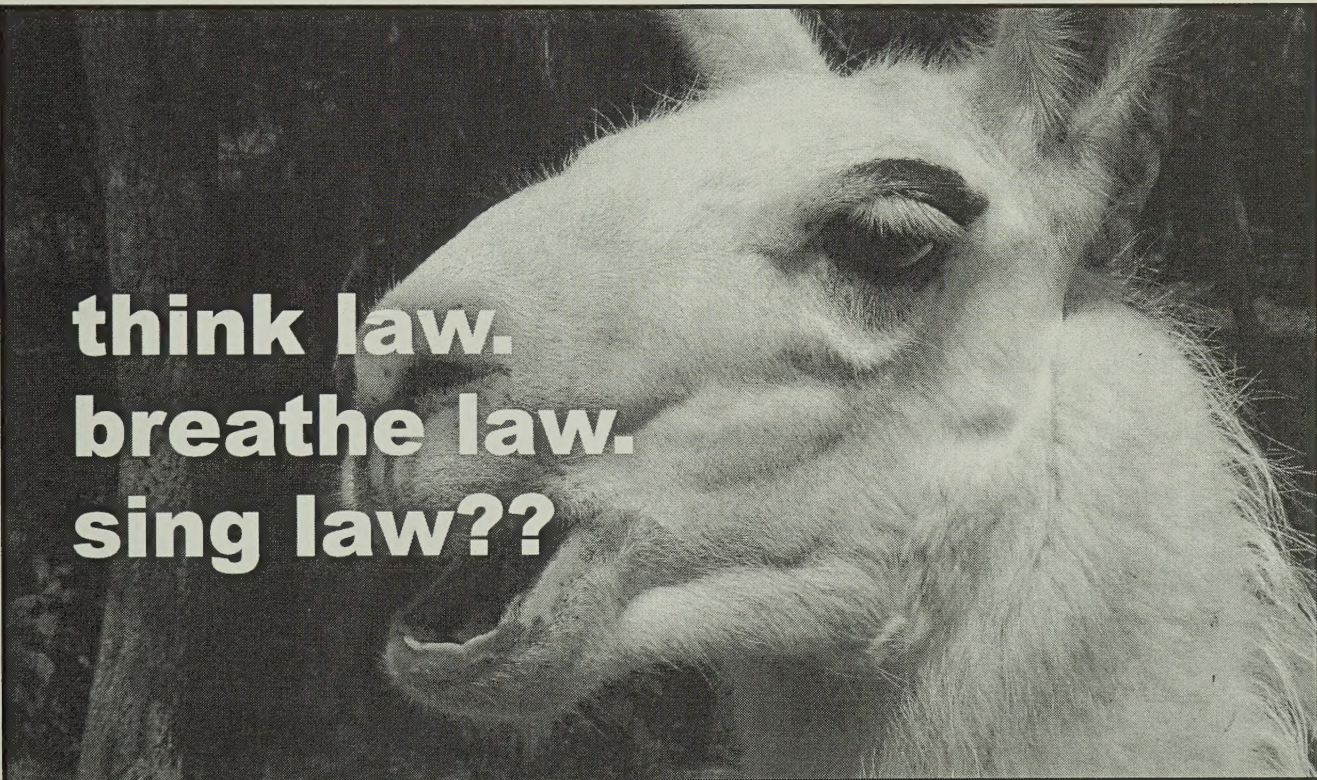
He can't seem to control this perverse buzz
or turn it off
She's thirteen, if she consents to what he
does
He won't get off

You or you.. and Ewanchuk
Alone in his van, that's just bad luck
He offers you a job, but he wants to "talk"
Dangerous Offender

Ba-ba-ba-ba ba-ba-ba-ba ba-ba-ba ba-ba-ba-
ba
Ba-ba-ba-ba ba-ba-ba-ba ba-ba-ba ba-ba-ba-
ba

chorus

Dangerous Offender
How is the weather?(In Kingston)
Dangerous Offender
Locked away forever
Dangerous Offender
Fade Out



**think law.
breathe law.
sing law??**

Bennett Jones Creativity Contest "LEGALIZE THE LYRICS"

Congratulations to Kevin Long, winner of our Bennett Jones Creativity Contest "Legalize the Lyrics" for his entry "Constitutional Pie". Honourable mention also goes to Matt Kachur for "What *Peter v. Beblow* Taught Me" and Alex Millman for "Ewanchuk's Dangerous Offender Hearing". Look for details of our second contest in the next Canons.

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MEET MCINNES, PHD

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I confronted him with this question: "Why would you trade a surfboard in for a snow shovel?" Valid and practical reasons aside, it is apparent in his enthusiastic and personable teaching style that he feels a strong obligation to share his wealth of experience to our U of A Law community which played an important role in his personal success.

Keeping with a Canons' tradition, enjoy "Law Prof" featuring Mitchell McInnes:

1L Contracts professor: Alberta Court of Appeal Justice, Ellen Picard

What's up with the "no shoes in the office" policy? "Comfort before virtually all else. Life's too short to spend time feeling pinched or cramped."

Next travel destination: "Scandinavian countries and Antarctica. I'm not much for hot climates."

First thing you think of when you look at your grad picture: "Just glad I didn't have (former Professor) Rob Chambers' barber"

Poorly reasoned SCC decisions in: Torts – *Dobson v. Dobson*; Unjust Enrichment – *Garland v. Consumers' Gas Company* and Trusts – *Lac Minerals v. International Corona Resources*
Do you have any pets? "Two dogs, two cats, two gerbils. Couldn't live without them."

If you could ask Lord Denning about his decisions... "I'd be curious to hear his theory of adjudication. Or, less formally, who died and left him in charge?"

Works Referred to in the Supreme Court: M. McInnes (many) > J. Koizumi (nil)
Canons of Construction thanks Professor McInnes for his time and thoughtful reply to our interview



BRAZILIAN BREAKFAST

Mariana Oliveira (2L)

Holiday time is a time to indulge, to savor and to spoil yourself with your favorite treats. My desired delicacy is a traditional Brazilian holiday breakfast called *Fatias Paridas* (Fah-chee-as Pah-ree-dahs)! So my Christmas gift to you is my mother's breakfast recipe. So, as we say in Portuguese, *Feliz Natal & Boa Appetite!*

Ingredients:

1 loaf of French bread sliced (thick slices)
1 can of condensed milk
1 litre of water
5 eggs
Sugar and cinnamon to sprinkle
Oil

Preparation:

1. Mix sugar and cinnamon.
2. Mix condensed milk with 1 litre of water in a medium bowl. Stir well.
3. Beat the eggs in a second bowl.
4. Soak each slice of bread in the bowl with the dissolved condensed milk for a few seconds, drain the excess and coat the slice in the bowl with eggs.
5. Shake off any excess and deep-fry for 5 minutes or until golden brown with a little bit of oil.
6. Deep-fry 2 to 4 slices depending on the size of your fryer.
7. Pat dry fried slices in a paper towel. Arrange them in a dish and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon.

WOMEN'S LAW FORUM

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for justice and positive results. She also outlined various issues that are being addressed currently, through some of the initiatives she and others are working on. Of course, there are many obstacles that still remain. Informing ourselves about this issue, whether it will assist us in our careers, or enable us to help someone we love, is a valuable step forward in attacking some of these obstacles. Knowledge, action, and compassion for all people, are the weapons of choice in fighting Family and Domestic Violence, and violence against women generally. So next time the opportunity to learn about this issue is presented to you, I say, take it. Listen, learn and then speak up. The more people who do this, the closer we will be to a society where we are all better off.

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jurisdiction..... lack of cause.....

fundamental

Public Policy.....

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.....reasonable.....

Mr Johnson, what is the answer?

Aaah!
.....ugh
Rule of Law?

Very good.... Now class.....
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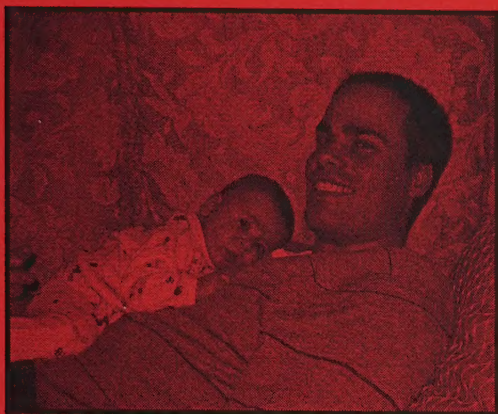
reasonable man.....

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Phew!

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LAW DAD:



Full Name: Patrick Laycock

Year of Study: 3L

What is your baby's name and how old is she?

I have 2 children. Alexis is 3 years old, and Emily is 4 months old.

What is most challenging about being a parent AND a law student?

I no longer have complete control of my time. Even when papers are due and exams are on the way, I need to make time for my kids.

What is one of the most joyful experiences of having a child?

When I get home from school or work, or even a quick trip to the store, my son runs to the door and hugs me. Emily laughs a lot even though I'm not funny.

How has your baby changed you?

You entire perspective on life changes. My grades, my job, and, most importantly, my behaviour have a direct impact on other lives for which I'm responsible.

What was it like going through the pregnancy during law school?

I'm glad I'll never have to know what it's like to throw up every day for 3 months straight.

What weird exam rituals do you have?

None... unless last minute cramming is a ritual.

What is the best thing about being a mom/dad?

The tax breaks. Also, watching children grow and overcoming obstacles is rewarding.

What is your favorite Cartoon?

Spongebob. Wait... no one word answers... Spongebob Squarepants.

If you could have anyone famous babysit your child, who would that be and why?

Nobody. I doubt famous people even watch their own children. If I had to choose, maybe Optimus Prime. He seemed caring and wise for a robot truck.

Words of Advice?

I would generally not recommend sending kids to buy groceries.

What is the worst thing about being a mom/dad?

Watching your children in pain when you can't do anything to stop it.

What is your baby's name and how old is he?

Jack Henry Peart - he will be 16 months old December 1st.

What is the most challenging thing about being a parent AND a law student?

Finding good child care. We have been on several daycare lists since before Jack was born and didn't get in to any of them in time for school so we hired a caregiver who is great.

What is one of the most joyful experiences of having a child?

Family hugs. When Jack sees me give my husband Colin a hug he'll run from across the room yelling, "hug, hug", wrap his little arms around our legs and look up smiling.

How has your baby changed you?

I have gotten more confidence and perspective about life. 60 hours in labour, sleepless nights and starting back at school let me know that my limits and my ideas about what my limits are, aren't the same thing at all!

What was it like being pregnant during law school?

I had quite a lot of nausea for the first three months of pregnancy so the Gavel at lunchtime was a bit of a challenge.

What weird exam rituals do you have?

The latest is buying Jack a few new (and inexpensive) toys during exams so that he spends lots of time playing and I get extra reading time. Also, a full night's sleep before exams, a quiet hour before the exam & a brand-new package of pens.

What is the best thing about being a mom/dad?

Seeing Jack grow - I get excited about the smallest change in what he can do.

What is the worst thing about being a mom/dad?

A whole new level of worrying.

What is your favorite Cartoon?

Jack's too young for cartoons, but I am enjoying his Thomas the Tank Engine movies and playing with trains is a regular Saturday afternoon affair.

If you could have anyone famous babysit your child, who would that be and why?

Robert Munsch - because he tells fantastic kids stories and he's not likely to take babies in cars at high speeds with no carseat (unlike some other famous people you might hear about.)

LAW MOM:



Full Name: Christina Wallace

Year of Study: 3L

Words of Advice?

Making zoo animal noises on the train gets you fewer looks when you have a baby with you.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION DEADLINE	2 REMINDER KINDRED HOUSE DONATIONS UNTIL 6TH
3 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY! 12-2	4	5	6 LAST DAY OF CLASSES OILERS GAME AFTERPARTY @ DRUID	7	8 EXAMS BEGIN	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE 31	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28	29	30

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